



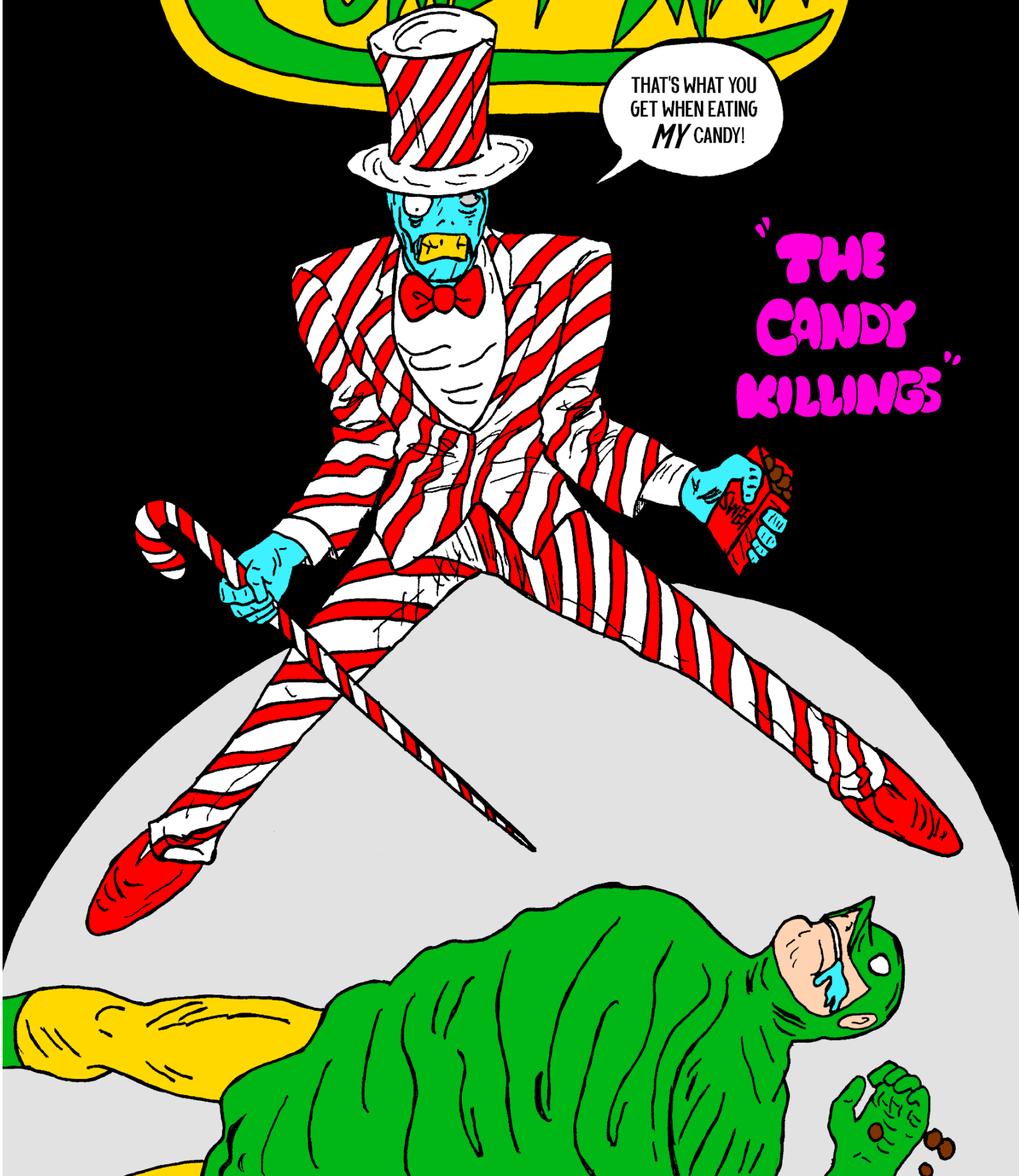
FIRST
SMASH ISSUE!

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COMET MAN

THAT'S WHAT YOU
GET WHEN EATING
MY CANDY!

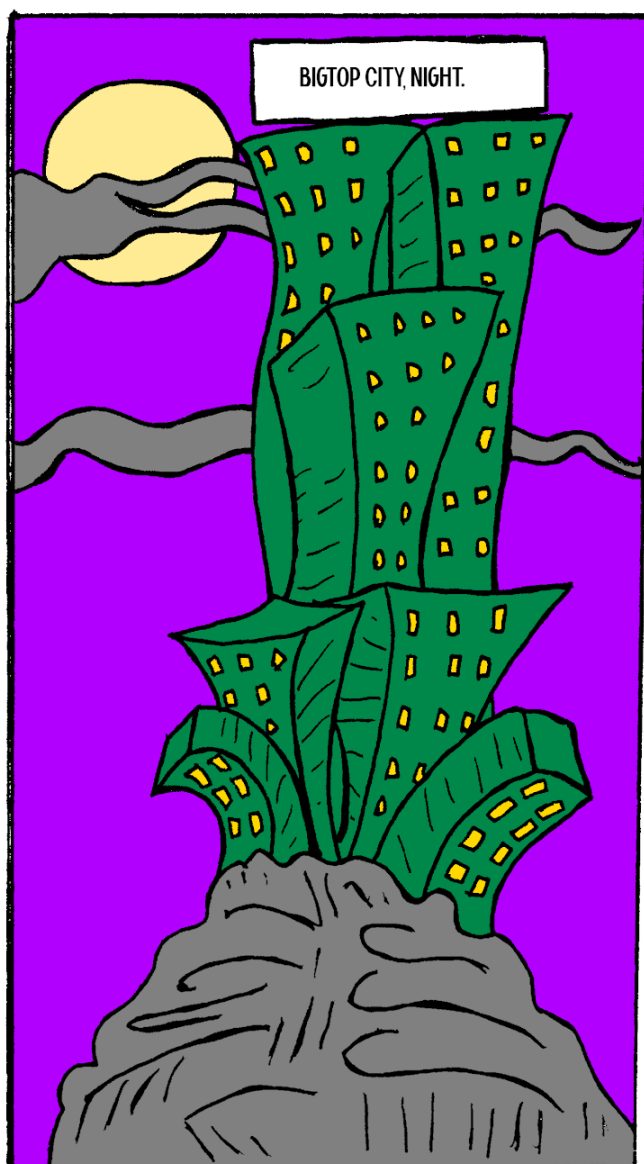
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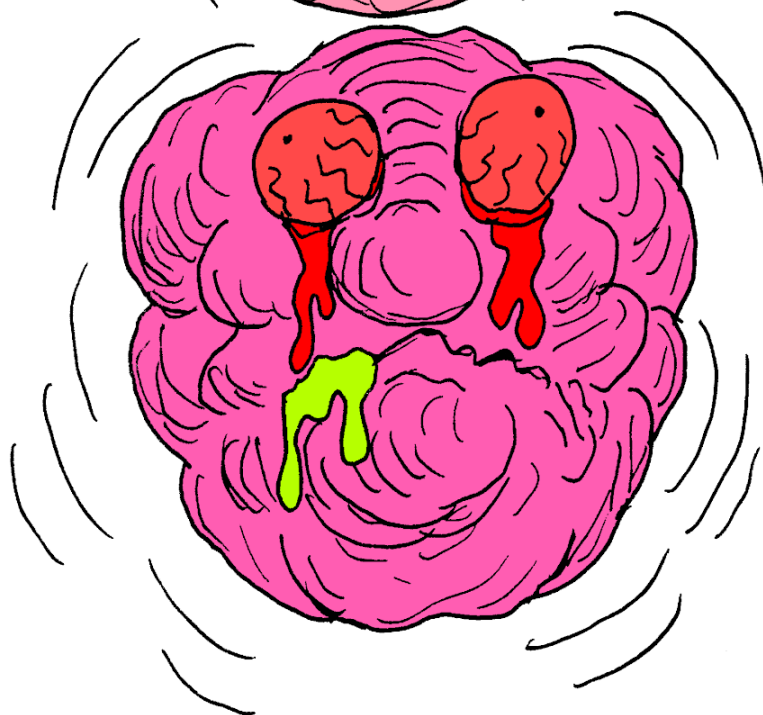
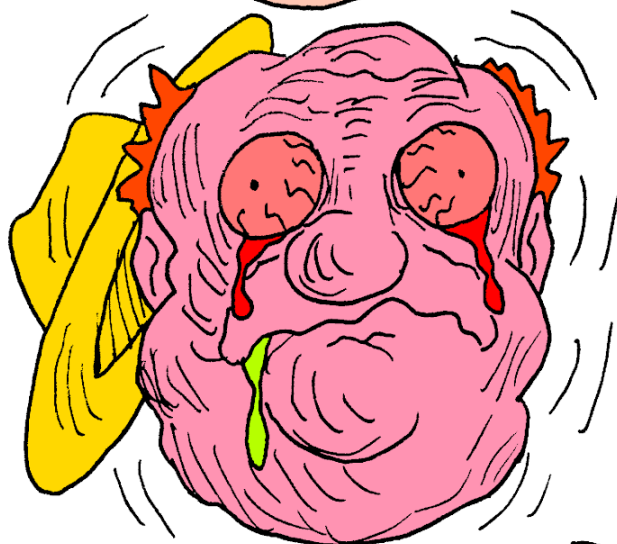
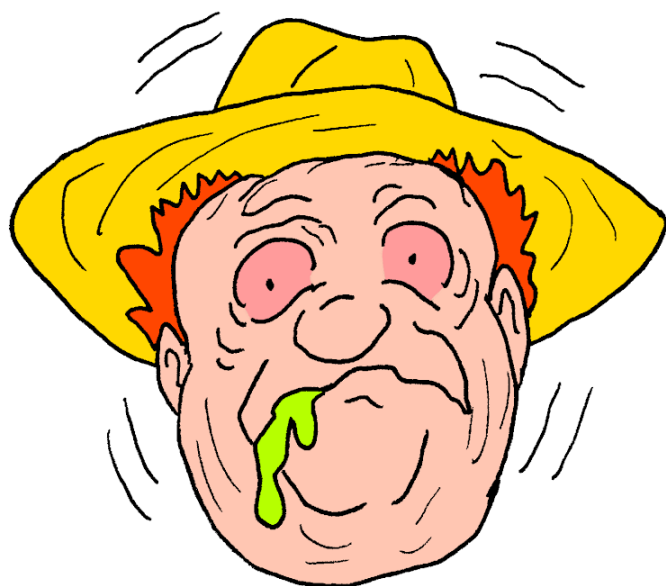


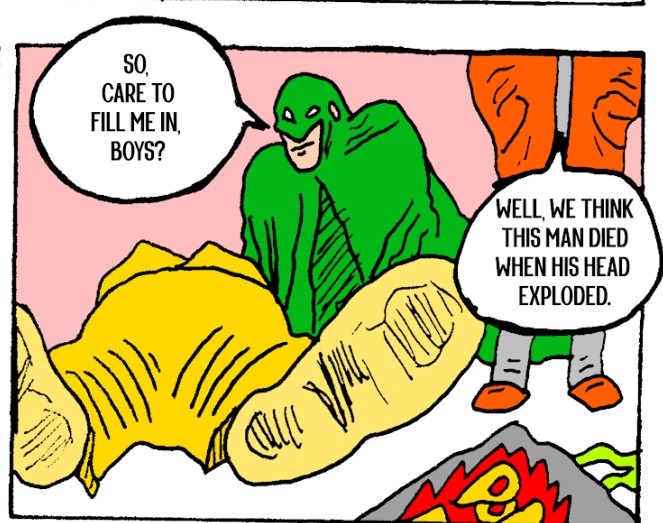
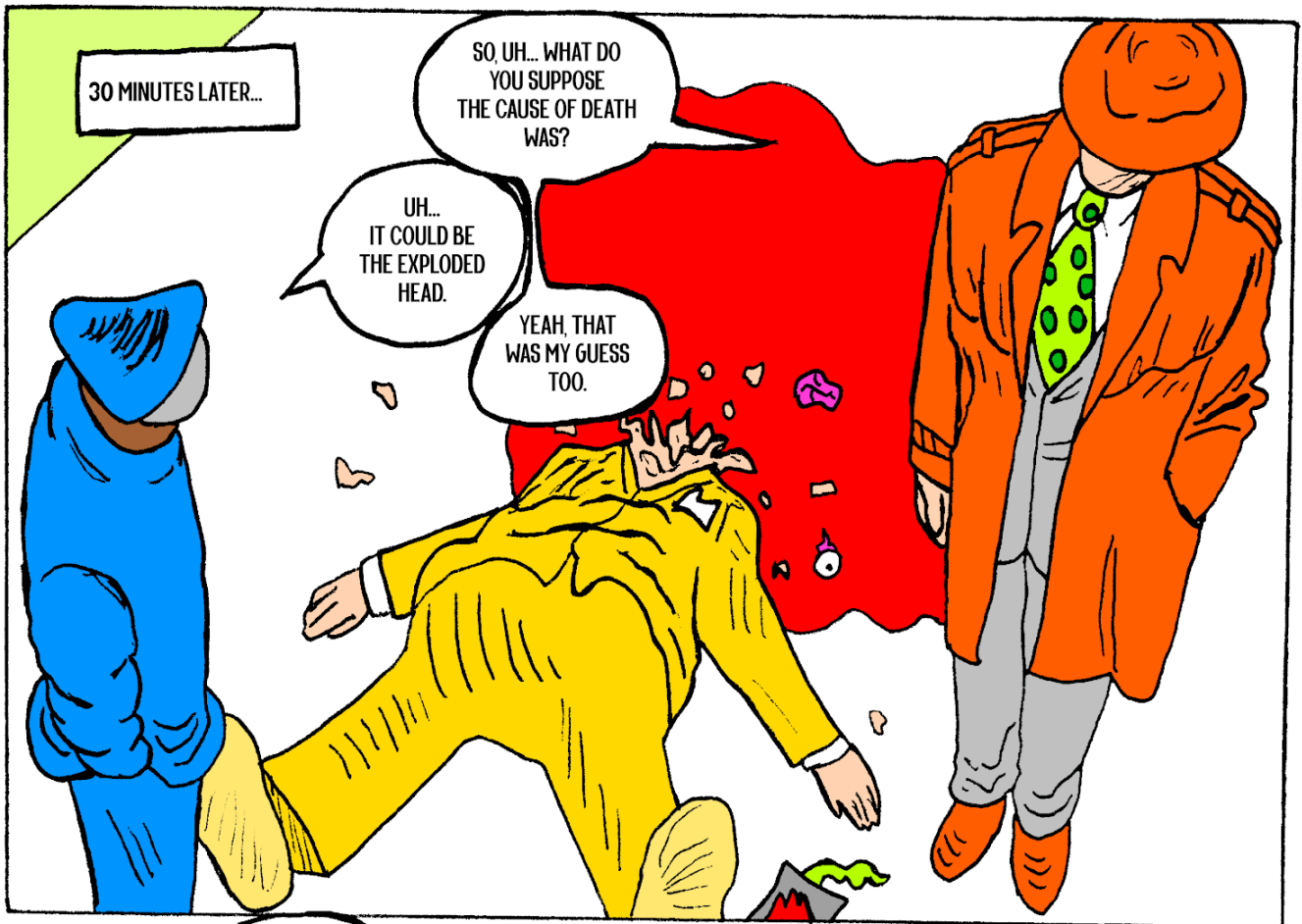
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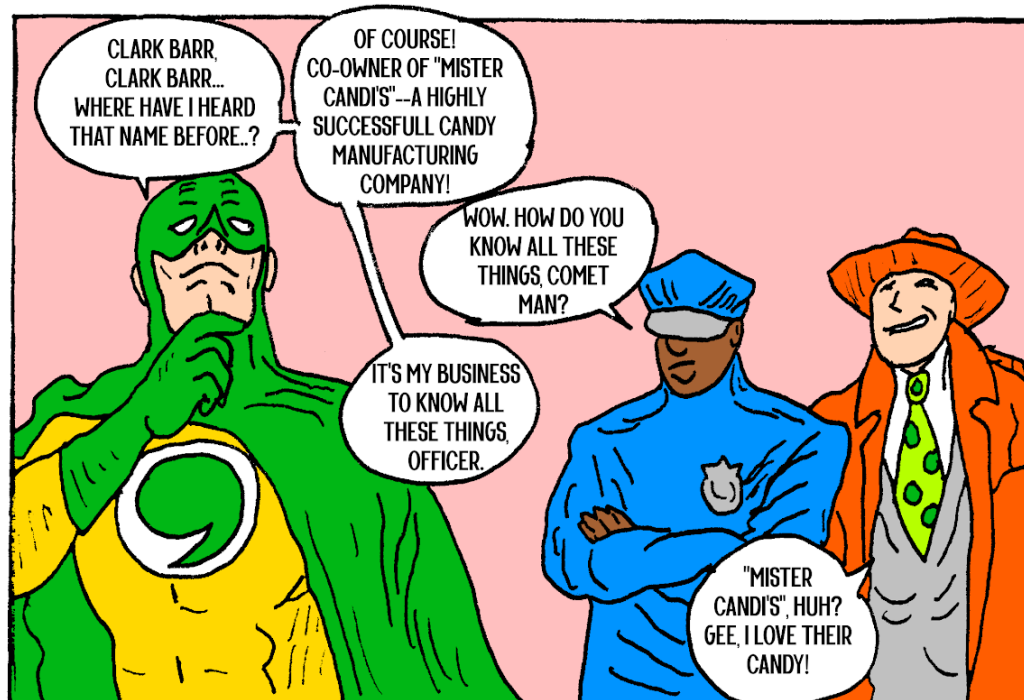
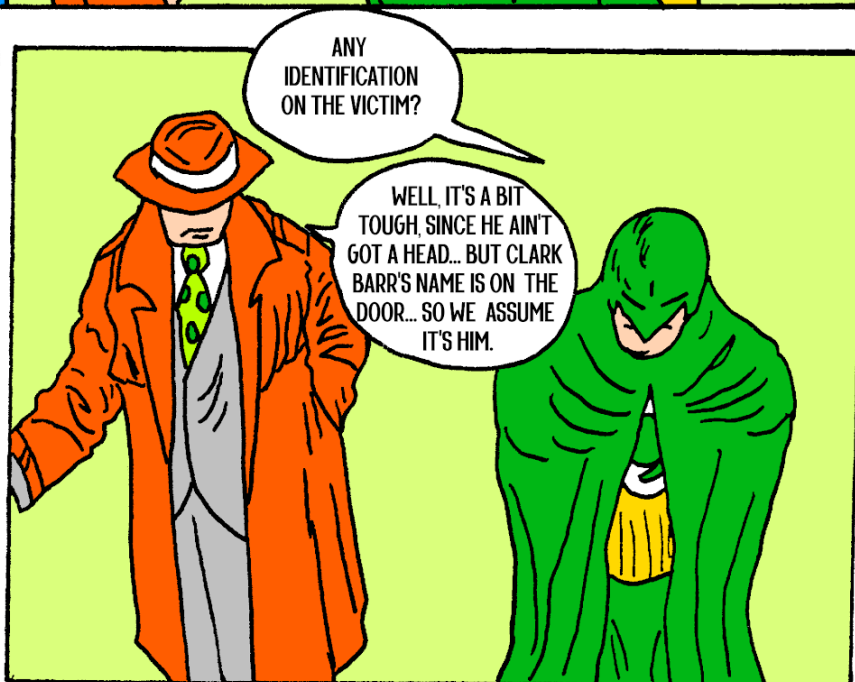
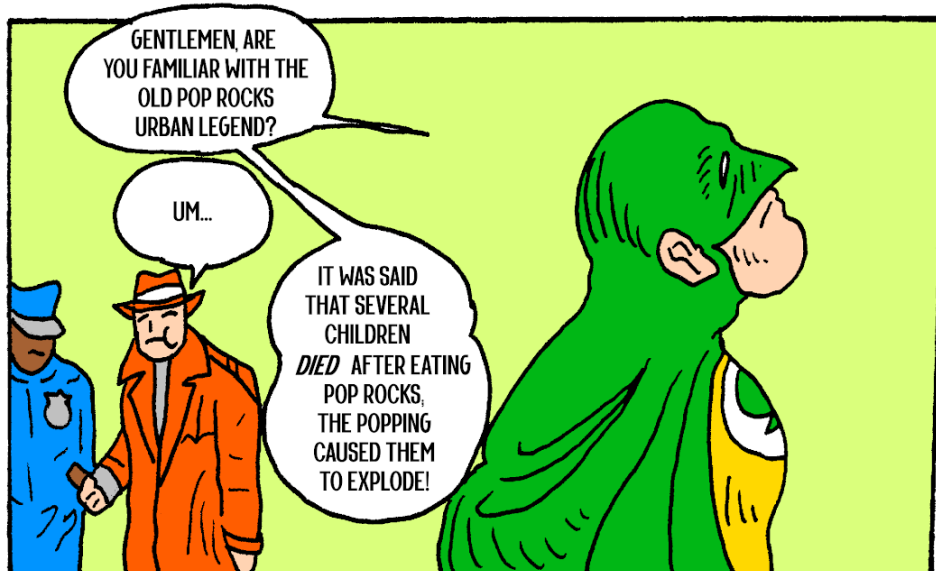
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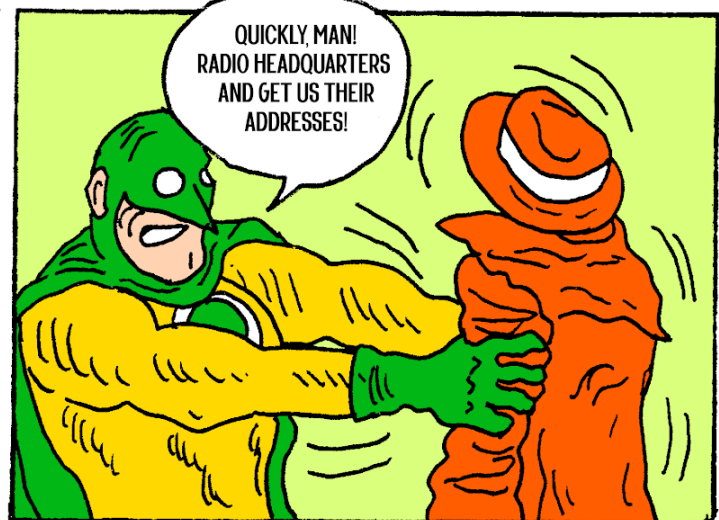
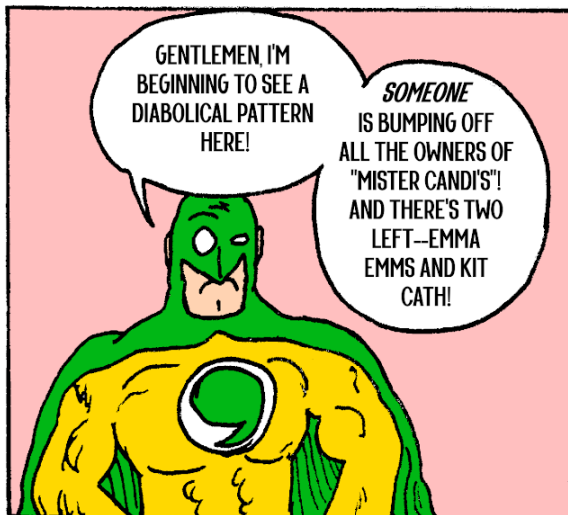
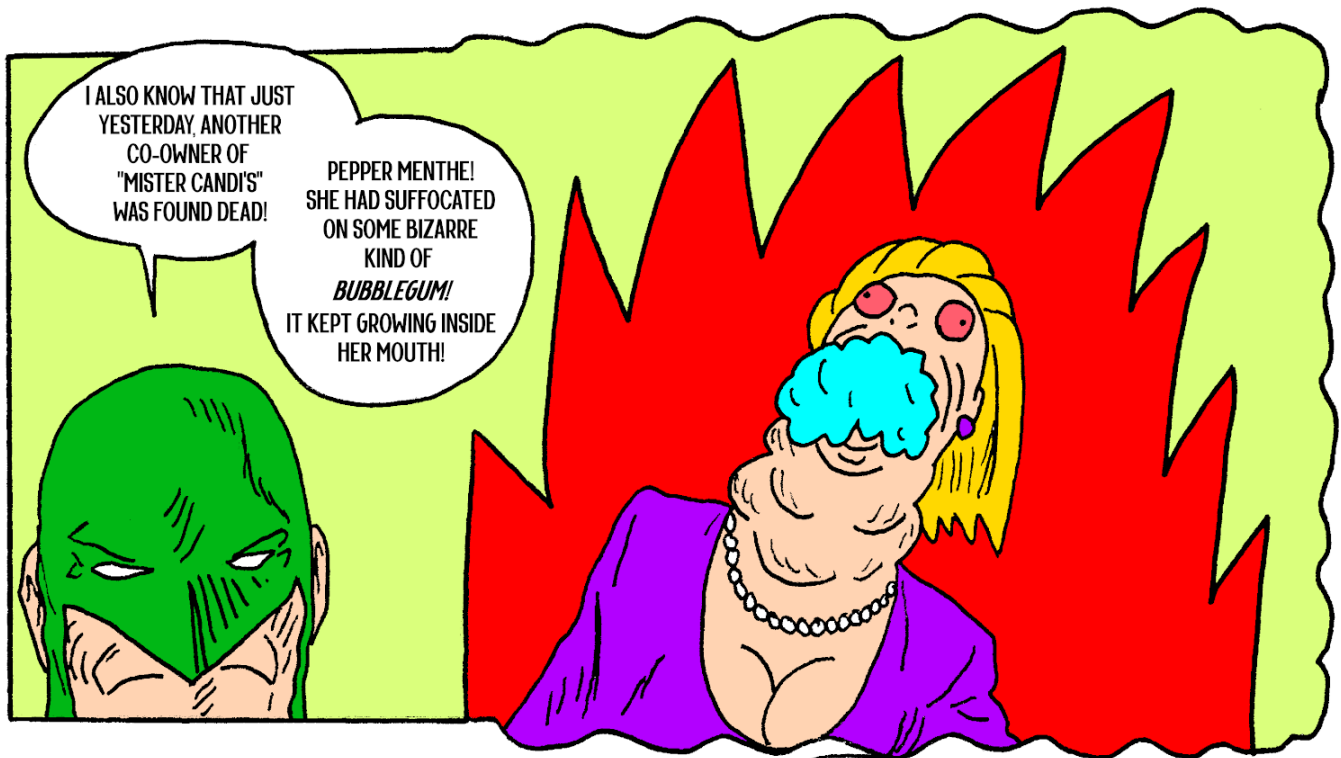
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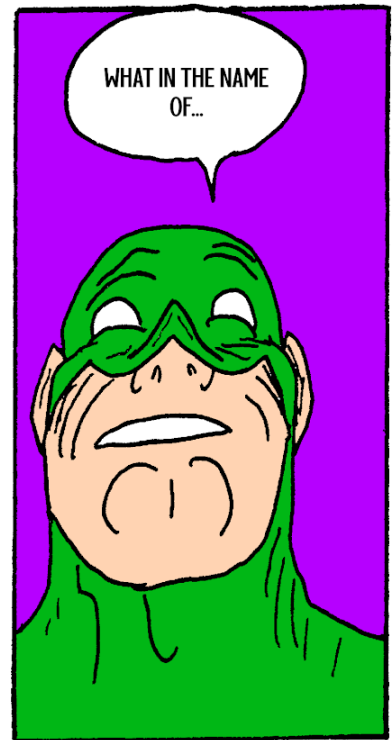


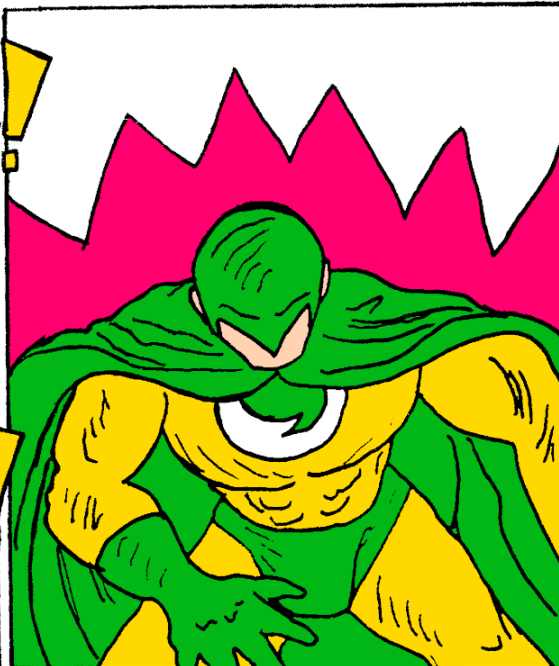


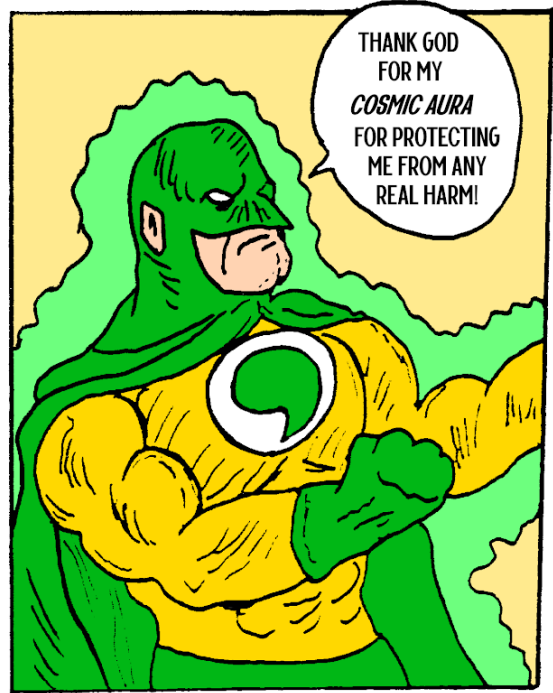
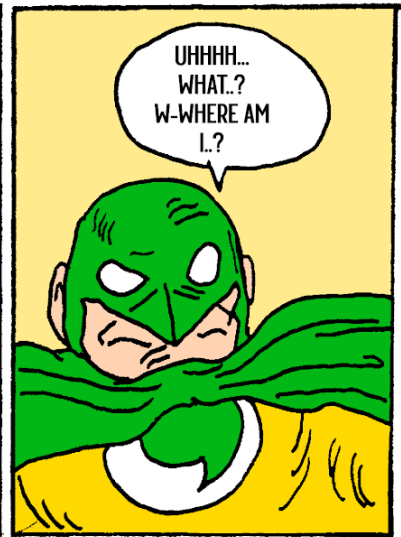






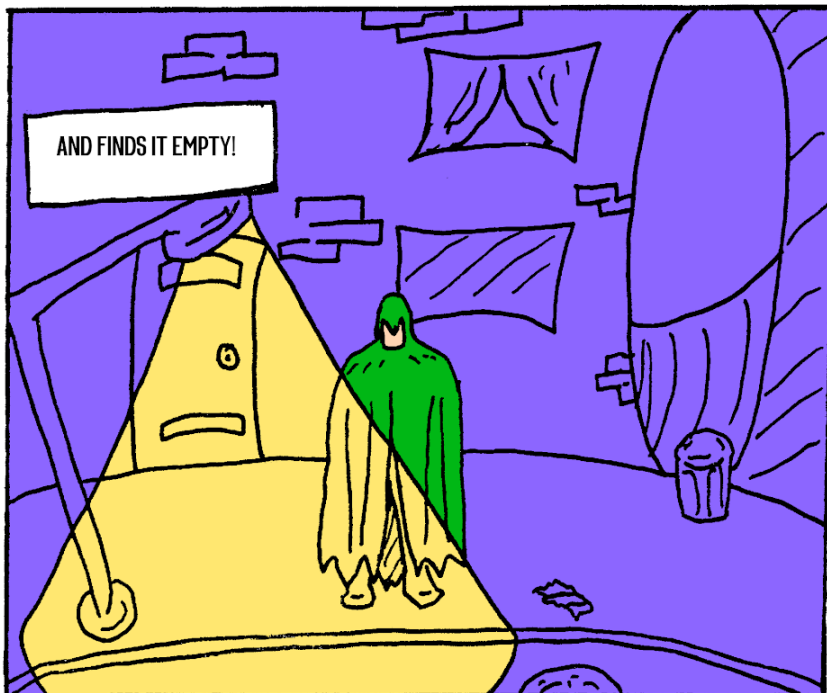








LIKE A COMET, THE MASKED MARVEL SPEEDS DOWN TO THE STREET BELOW--



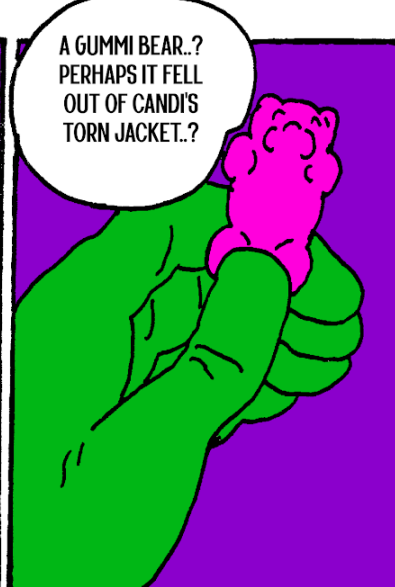
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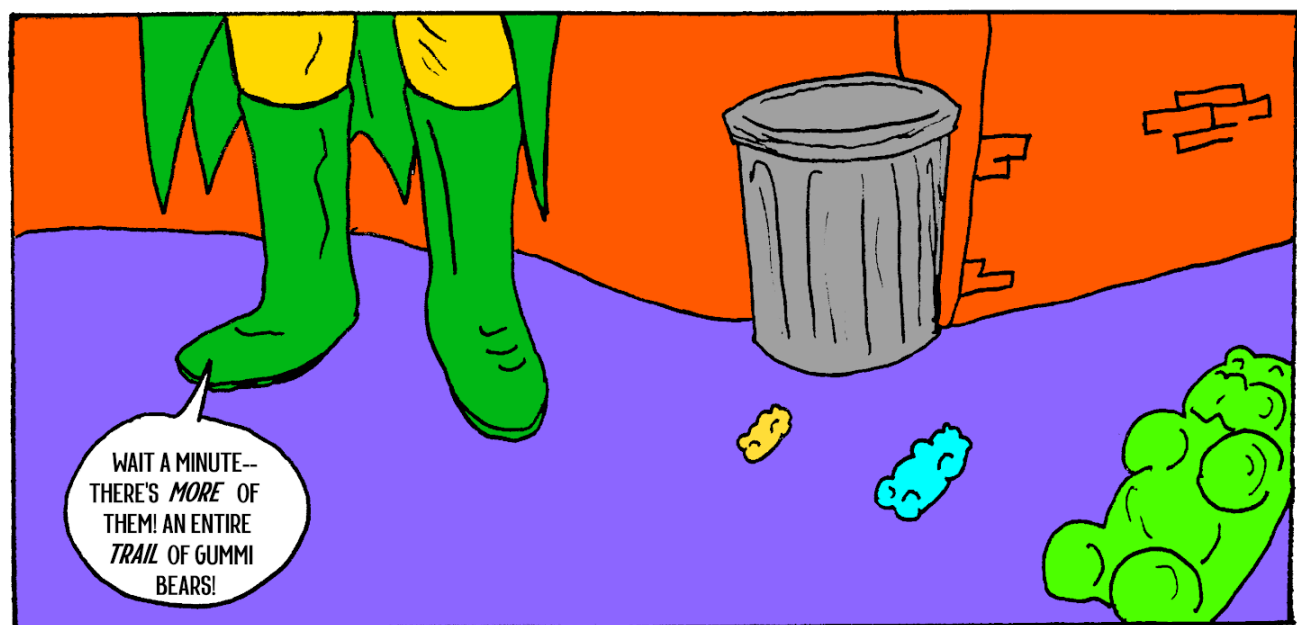
HOLD UP!
WHAT'S THIS?



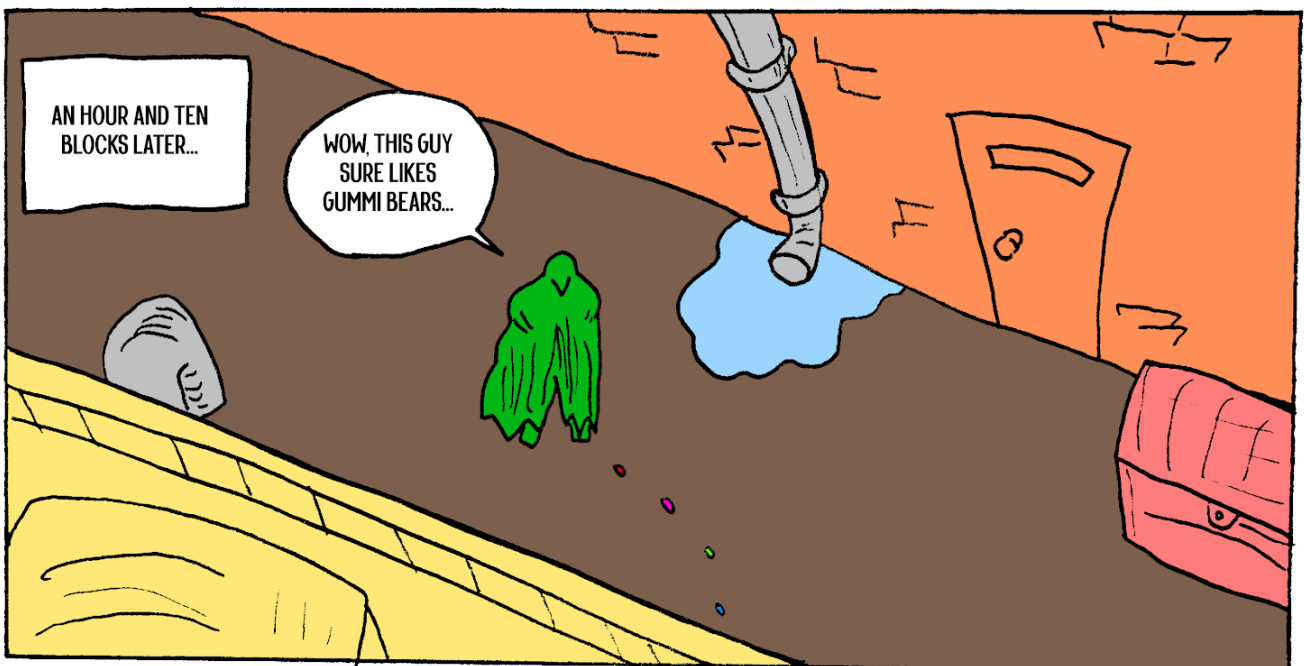
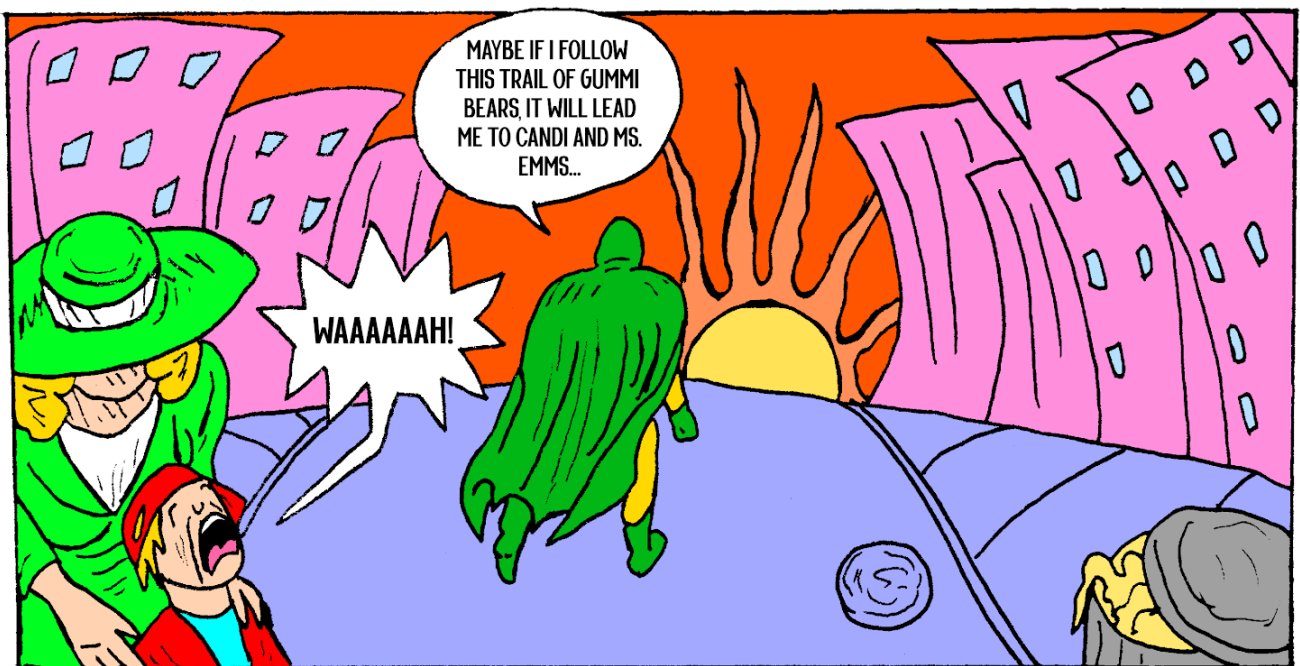
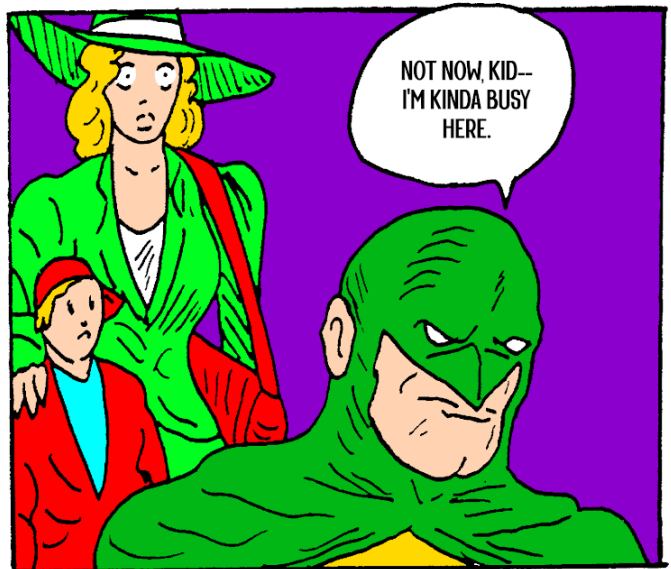
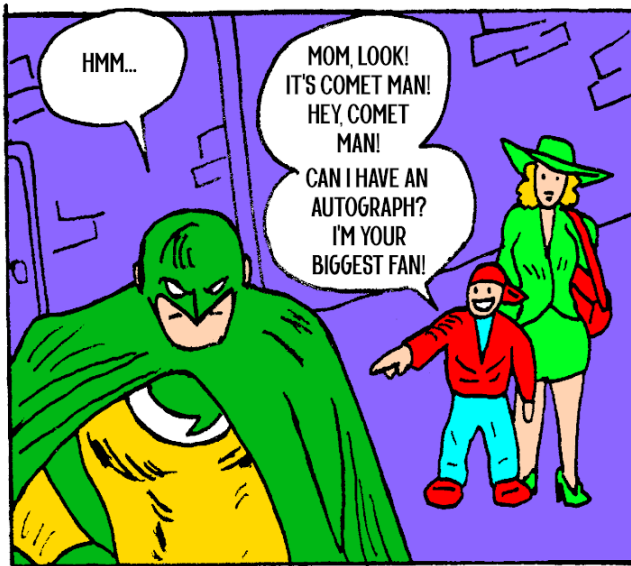
LOOKS LIKE A
PIECE OF MISTER
CANDI'S JACKET...
PERHAPS MS. EMMS TRIED
TO FIGHT BACK--
AND TORE
THIS OFF!

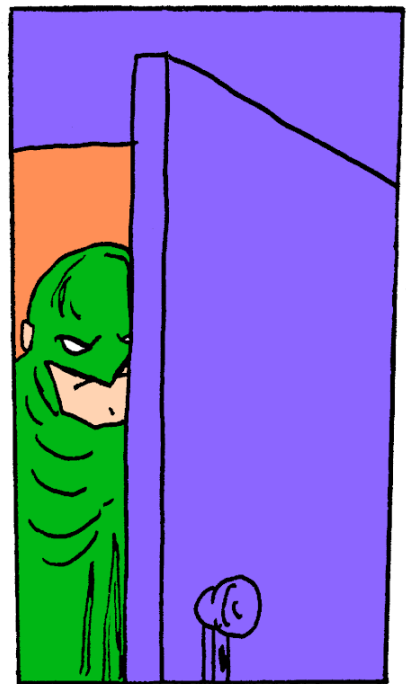
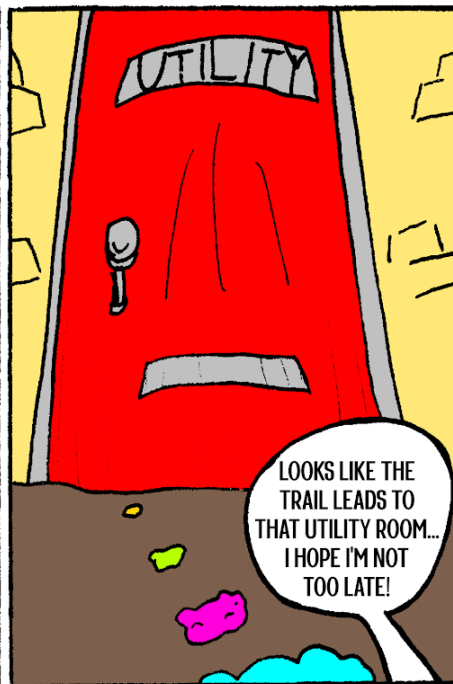


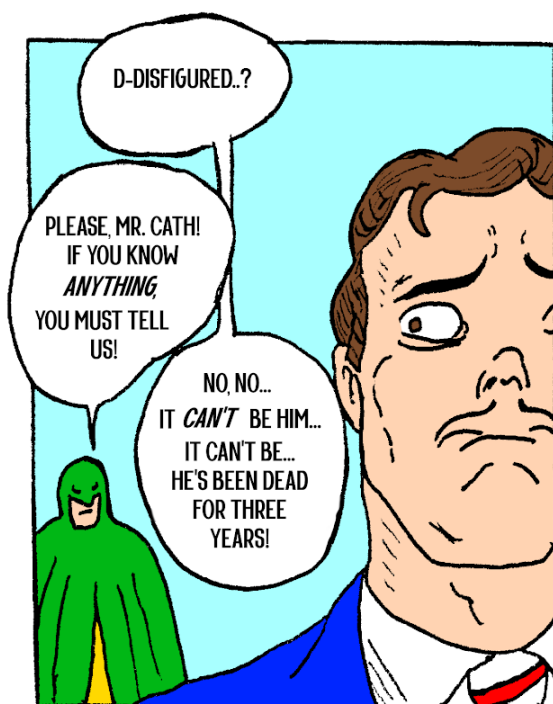
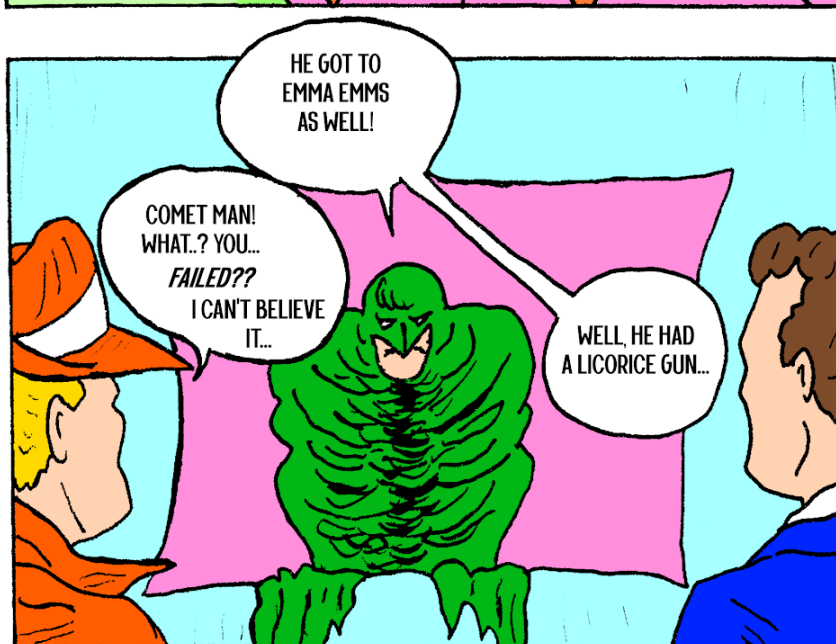
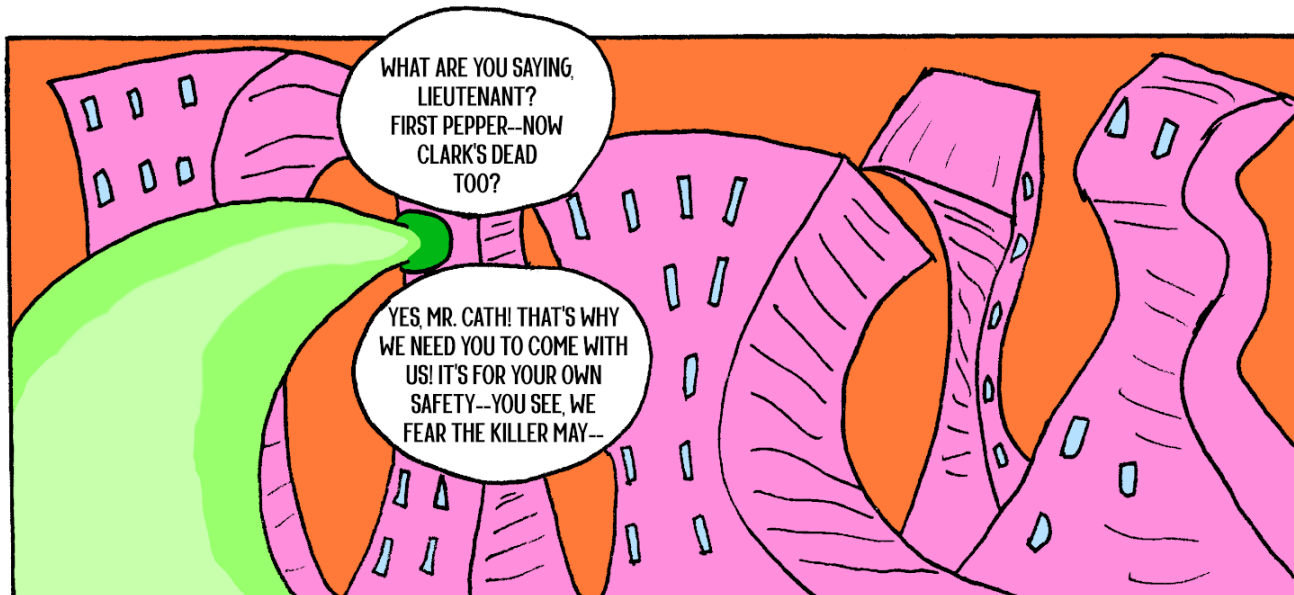
A GUMMI BEAR..?
PERHAPS IT FELL
OUT OF CANDI'S
TORN JACKET..?



WAIT A MINUTE--
THERE'S *MORE* OF
THEM! AN ENTIRE
TRAIL OF GUMMI
BEARS!



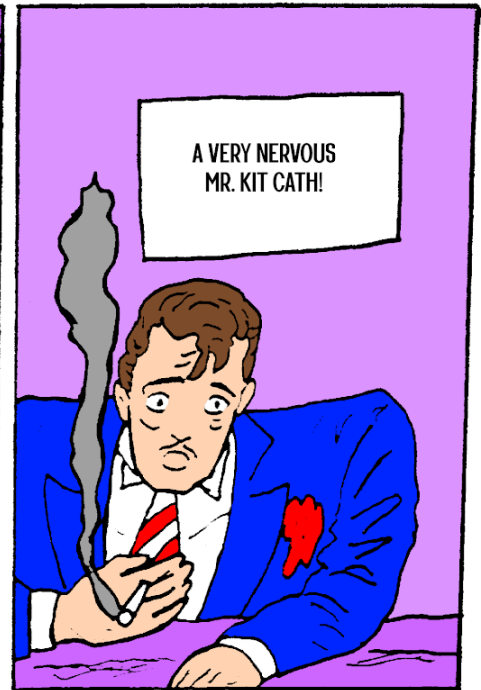








AND QUICKLY FINDS
HIS INTENDED VICTIM--



A VERY NERVOUS
MR. KIT CATH!



KIT, OLD FRIEND!
IT'S SO VERY NICE TO SEE
YOU AGAIN!
IT'S BEEN AGES!

WHU-WHAT?
W-WHO ARE
YOU?
WHAT YOU WANT?

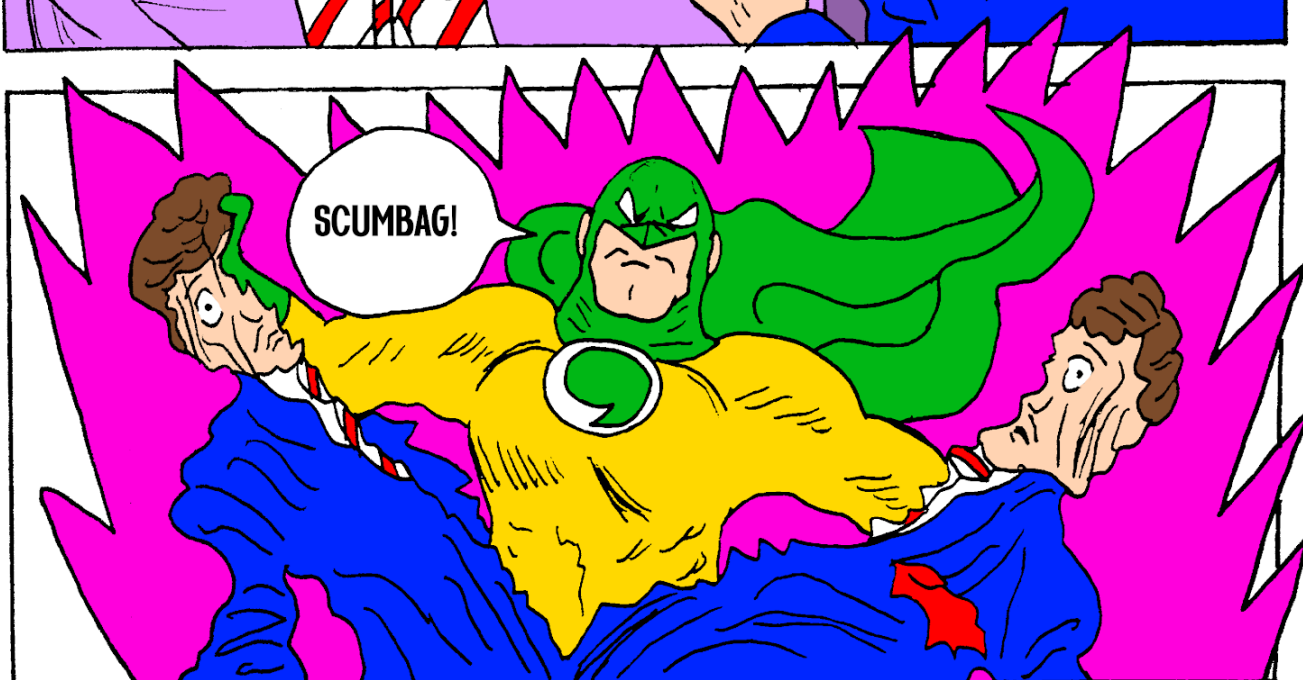
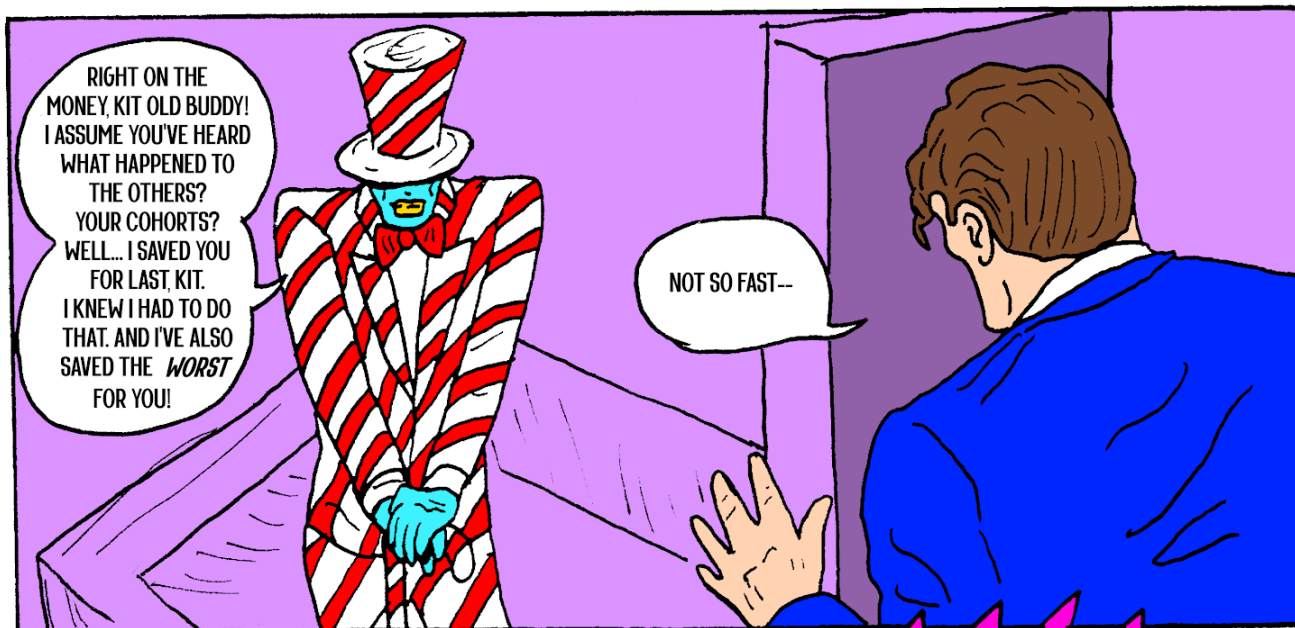


WHY, KIT--I'M
WOUNDED!
YES, I LOOK VERY
DIFFERENT NOW
FROM WHAT YOU
REMEMBER--
BUT SURELY YOU
MUST RECOGNIZE
MY VOICE?



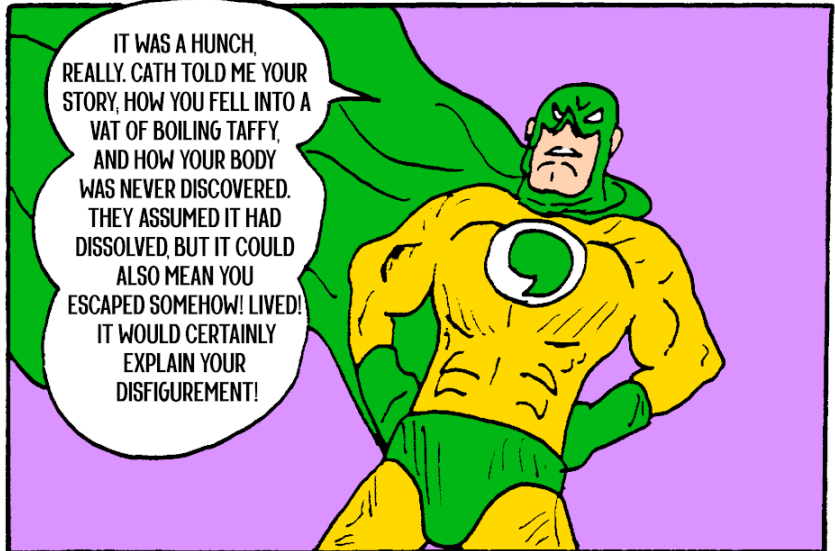
I--I... NO,
I DON'T--WAIT...
H-HERSCHEL?

HERSCHEL
REESE?
IS THAT YOU?





WAIT--YOU SAID
MY NAME!
HOW DO YOU KNOW
WHO I AM?

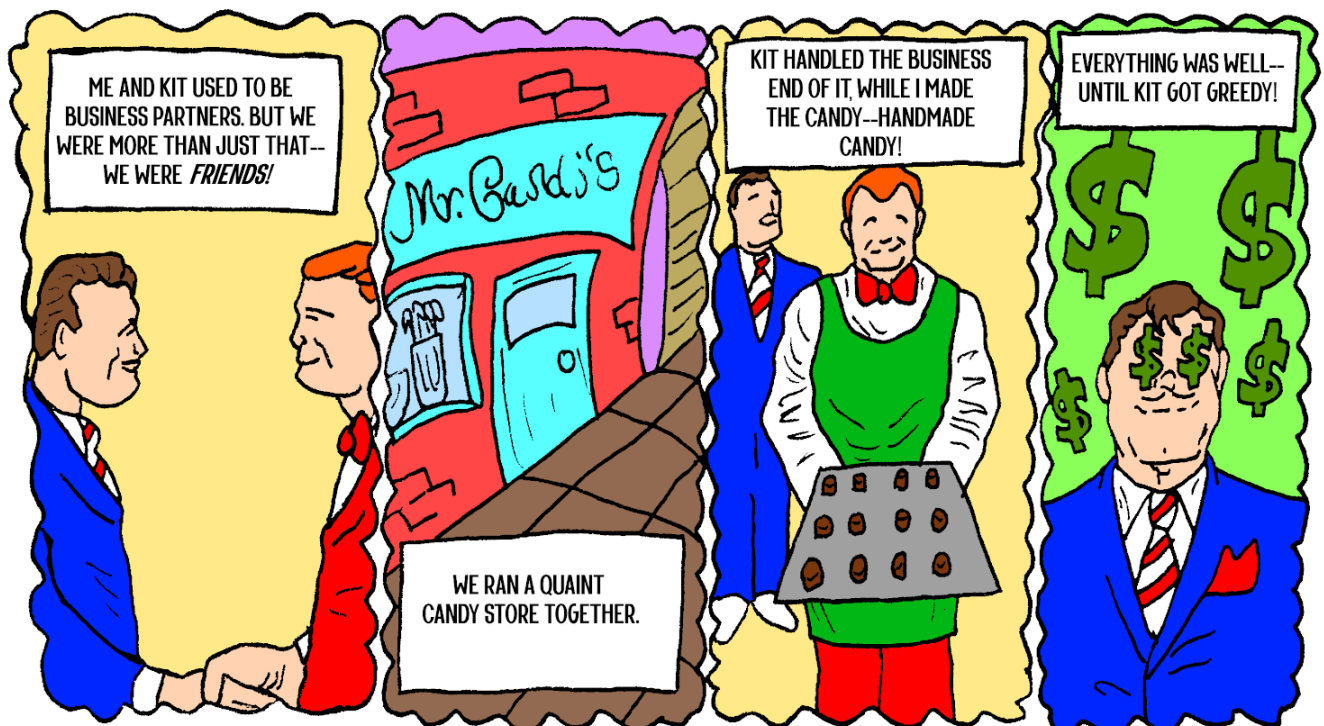


IT WAS A HUNCH,
REALLY. CATH TOLD ME YOUR
STORY, HOW YOU FELL INTO A
VAT OF BOILING TAFFY,
AND HOW YOUR BODY
WAS NEVER DISCOVERED.
THEY ASSUMED IT HAD
DISSOLVED, BUT IT COULD
ALSO MEAN YOU
ESCAPED SOMEHOW! LIVED!
IT WOULD CERTAINLY
EXPLAIN YOUR
DISFIGUREMENT!



FELL IN, EH?
I SUPPOSE THAT WOULD
BE HIS STORY...
AREN'T YOU INTERESTED
IN HEARING THE
TRUTH THOUGH?
YOU CATCH CRIMINALS,
DON'T YOU, COMET MAN?
WHAT ABOUT THE CRIMINAL
KNOWN AS KIT CATH?

WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?



ME AND KIT USED TO BE
BUSINESS PARTNERS. BUT WE
WERE MORE THAN JUST THAT--
WE WERE *FRIENDS*!

WE RAN A QUAIN
CANDY STORE TOGETHER.

KIT HANDLED THE BUSINESS
END OF IT, WHILE I MADE
THE CANDY--HANDMADE
CANDY!

EVERYTHING WAS WELL--
UNTIL KIT GOT GREEDY!



